GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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IRON AND IODINE DEFICIENCY PROBLEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 300 million people are suffering from Iron deficiency as compared to about 170 million people with iodine related problems in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT.PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Anemia Prevalence among the population of the country, as per NFHS-III (2005-06) is as below:

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Children ( 6-59 months ) 69.5%
Women   55.3%
Men   24.2%
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With regards to Iodine Deficiency Disorders, it has been estimated that 71 million people are affected with Goitre & other Iodine Deficiency Disorders.

(c) Measures taken with regards to iron deficiency and Iodine Deficiency Disorders are annexed.